

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-25 (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) An absorbent paper product comprising at least two superposed plies of a format with edges, a peripheral zone along said edges, and a central zone enclosed by said peripheral zone, wherein said plies are joined together by marking patterns, composed of compacted zones on one side of said plies without corresponding salients on an opposite side of said plies, without glue at least along a segment of said peripheral zone, and wherein at least one of said at least two superposed plies has an embossing pattern in said central zone, wherein the at least two plies have a thickness along said peripheral zone which is less than the thickness of said at least two plies in the central zone, and wherein in said peripheral zone, at least one of the at least two plies has marking patterns at least partly the same as the embossing patterns.

27. (Previously Presented) Product as claimed in claim 26, wherein the marking patterns constitute filigrees.

Claims 28-31 (Canceled).